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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT

: Moscarello, M. et al

INVENTION

: **METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING MULTIPLE  
SCHLEROSIS AND AN ASSAY THEREFOR**

SERIAL NUMBER

: 09/992,174

FILING DATE

: Nov. 14, 2001

EXAMINER

: Counts, Gary W.

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: 1641

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: 2132.024

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(A)**

Office Action dated: 12/03/02

Shortened Period for Response Expired 03/03/03

Request for Extension of 3 Month(s) to 06/03/03

Sml.Ent.Petn.Fee Enc.: [X] \$ 465.00 (5 mos.) is to be charged to

Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-1803.

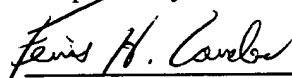
Any additional fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1803.

Dear Sir:

In the above application, applicant respectfully petitions that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action indicated above be extended for the additional three months indicated above. This extension has proven necessary in order to properly prepare the necessary response in the application. Small entity status has already been established in the instant application.

Date: 06/02/03

Respectfully submitted,



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